

AMENDMENTSIn the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A method for a customer to evaluate performance a supplier, the supplier including at least one of a manufacturer manufacturing a component, an assembler assembling a component, a vendor and a service provider, the method comprising:  
receiving a first evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by a team member of a customer of the supplier into a customer website;  
receiving a second evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by a team leader of the customer into a customer website;  
receiving a third evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by the supplier into a customer website; and  
generating an indicia of a supplier's performance based on the first, second and third evaluation, the supplier being chosen from a group consisting of a manufacturer manufacturing a component, an assembler assembling a component, a vendor and a service provider.
2. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:  
generating and providing a report representing the indicia of the supplier's performance.
3. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:  
providing access for the supplier to view electronically the indicia of the supplier's performance.
4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:  
providing access for the supplier to view electronically an indicia of the performance of all suppliers of a class of components.
5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:  
communicating an indicia of the performance of the supplier to members of a manufacturing organization.

6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:  
analyzing the performance of a supplier based on the performance of the best supplier in  
the class of suppliers.
7. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:  
analyzing the performance of a supplier based on improvements required by a  
manufacturer.
8. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:  
agreeing to future performance targets.
9. (Previously Presented) A system for evaluating a supplier, the supplier including  
at least one of a manufacturer manufacturing a component, an assembler assembling a  
component, a vendor and a service provider, comprising;  
a computer system, the computer system including a computer program product encoded  
in computer readable media, the computer program operable to:  
receive a first evaluation of a supplier submitted by a team member of a customer of the  
supplier;  
receive a second evaluation of the supplier submitted by a team leader of the customer;  
receive a third evaluation of the supplier submitted by the supplier; and  
generate an indicia of the supplier's performance based on the first, second and third  
evaluation.
10. (Original) The system as recited in claim 9, wherein the computer system is  
configured to communicate over a network and to receive evaluations submitted from a second  
computer system across the network.
11. (Original) The system as recited in claim 10, wherein the network is a public  
global communication network.
12. (Cancelled).

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Previously Presented) A computer program product encoded in computer readable media, the computer program product comprising:  
instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to:  
receive a first evaluation of a supplier submitted electronically by a team member of a customer of the supplier;  
receive a second evaluation of a supplier submitted electronically by a team leader of the customer;  
receive a third evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by the supplier; and  
generate an indicia of the performance of the supplier based upon the first, second and third evaluations, the supplier being chosen from a group consisting of a manufacturer manufacturing a component, an assembler assembling a component, a vendor and a service provider.

15. (Previously Presented) A system for evaluating a supplier, comprising:  
a computer system, the computer system including a data storage device, the data storage device storing data for a supplier performance among suppliers supplying a class of components, comprising:  
data representing quality of components supplied by each supplier;  
data representing cost of components supplied by each supplier;  
data representing availability of the components from each supplier;  
data representing service performance of each supplier; and  
data representing a top performing vendor among the suppliers supplying the class of components, the supplier being chosen from a group consisting of a manufacturer manufacturing a component, an assembler assembling a component, a vendor and a service provider.

16. (Original) The system as recited in claim 15, further comprising:  
a server, wherein the computer system and the server are configured to communicate over a network and receive evaluations submitted from a second computer system across the network.

17. (Previously Presented) A method of evaluating the performance of a supplier, the performance of the supplier determined from at least one of a group, comprising:

determining a best supplier in the class of suppliers, wherein the class of suppliers are those suppliers supplying a component to a manufacturer, the determining being performed by a computer system, the supplier being chosen from a group consisting of a manufacturer manufacturing a component, an assembler assembling a component, a vendor and a service provider.

18. (Original) The method as recited in claim 17, further comprising:  
determining an indicia of quality of a component supplied by the supplier to the manufacturer.

19. (Original) The method as recited in claim 17, further comprising:  
determining a cost of a component provider by a supplier.

20. (Original) The method as recited in claim 17, further comprising:  
determining an indicia of availability of components supplied by a supplier.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of evaluating the performance of a supplier, the performance of the supplier determined from at least one of a group consisting of a manufacturer manufacturing a component, an assembler assembling a component, a vendor and a service provider, the method comprising:

receiving a first evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by a team member of a customer of the supplier;

receiving a second evaluation of the supplier submitted electronically by a team leader of the customer; and

generating an indicia of a supplier's performance based on the first and second evaluation, the supplier being chosen from a group consisting of a manufacturer manufacturing a component, an assembler assembling a component, a vendor and a service provider.

22. (Original) The method as recited in claim 21, further comprising:  
communicating an indicia of the performance of the supplier to members of a  
manufacturing organization.